

## POMEROY FAILED TO GAIN LIBERTY.

Dug a Hole in His Prison's Wall, but His Plan Was Discovered.

Noted Murderer Has Made Many Efforts to Quit the Penitentiary.

Sawed Through Bars Several Times and Once Tried to Blow Up the Building.

PREPARED TO KILL HIS GUARDS.

Would Not Hesitate to Commit Murder in Order to Secure Liberty—Went Into Prison When a Boy.

Boston, Jan. 8.—Jesse Pomroy, the noted murderer, who has been confined in the State Prison for twenty-two years, or ever since he was fifteen years old, has made another futile attempt to escape. He nearly succeeded in digging through the prison walls. The attempt to gain his liberty was revealed by a suspicious looking brick. The prisoner has been closely watched during the entire time of his incarceration, being considered the most dangerous prisoner in the institution, and by what means he was enabled to carry his operations as far as he did cannot be imagined by the officials.

**Other Efforts to Escape.**  
The first attempt at jail-breaking by Jesse Pomroy, "the boy with the white eyes," was in 1879. He was then employed in the brush factory of the Charlestown Jail. The attempt was made only a few days after he was arrested. He succeeded in lousening a boulder of rock, which formed at the same time the outer wall of the jail and the inner wall of his cell. Letters found in his cell addressed to his family, told of his intentions. These letters frustrated his attempt, and he was placed in solitary confinement.

In his cell he wrenched a piece of iron from his bed and began to loosen the bars. He was discovered before he had made much progress.

His next attempt required great patience. He made a little saw out of the blade of a pocketknife and cut through the bars of his cell window, filling the crevices with sawdust, stained the color of the iron. His own hands were nearly completed when he was discovered.

He next conceived a scheme with other prisoners to kill a keeper and escape over the roof. This was also frustrated.

**Ready to Commit Murder.**  
In 1884 he hollowed out a hole in the seat of his stool, swallowing the little chips of wood to avoid detection. In the hole he secreted a cold chisel, which he covered with putty the same color as the stool. It was his intention to dig his way out of the wall with the chisel, using it also to kill any one who interfered with him.

His next attempt was unusually arduous. He dug a hole through the wall of his cell, and in August, 1890, on the former

and of his cell. Back removed bolt was replaced with a soap counterpart, and into the walls, but found that the bolt behind the iron were clamped together on the outside beyond his reach.

Outside his cell door was a gas jet. He made a key and reached the corridor. He made a long tube out of paper, dug a hole in the corner of his cell, fastened the tube to the fixture and tried to conduct the gas to the hole, so as to blow out the wall. The explosion was premature and he himself was injured.

On another occasion a set of jail-breaking tools was discovered in a pocket underneath the carpet seat of his rocking chair.

**Secured Jail-Breaking Tools.**

In August, 1887, a keeper happening to lean against the heavily grated window of Pomroy's cell, was surprised to feel the bars give way. Pomroy was searched. In his pockets were found two fine chisels, a saw and a bottle of gasoline. He had sawed the inch-thick bars completely through and filled the cracks with gasoline and kerosene. He had provided himself with a heavy bar to lift it necessary in effecting his escape.

He also tried to break jail in October, 1891, and in August, 1901. On the former he sawed five bolts before he was detected. In the latter attempt he had sawed through several iron bars and begun on some steel ones before he was detected. His next effort to escape was in March, 1894, when he dug a large hole in the wall of his cell with a bit of knife given to him by another convict.

**BAUMAN'S STORY DISCREDITED**

Self-Confessed Murderer of Arbuckle, However, Sticks to His Tale.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 8.—In spite of the fact that his alleged confession has practically been torn to shreds, at least that portion of it pertaining to the Chicago persons mentioned, Frederick Bauman, the alleged murderer of Frank P. Arbuckle, sticks to his story. He reported it to a dozen reporters and a Chicago police official today. He said he confessed because he wanted to explain the legal penalty, as he was then a life, and he did not want to die himself. He declares he is not insane. He says he was dragged down by an unfortunate marriage, and was cast aside by a woman who had been a wanderer. Members of the various theatrical companies in the city say they have never heard of Bauman as an actor.

The New York police discredit Bauman's story utterly. They have no trace here of any such man, and think it simply an insanity deluge.



## THIRTEEN DIE IN A MINE.

An Explosion in a Pit at Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, Causes a Loss of Life.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 8.—Details of the burning to death of thirteen men in the Santa Gertrudis mine, at Pachuca, State of Hidalgo, Mexico, December 31, last, have been received here.

The night shift was about to go off duty and a number of the men had already reached the cage when a terrific explosion occurred in one of the drifts. The men who were between the fire and the cage ran up. It was thought that all were accounted for, and the men went to the top. The raising of the fire could be heard in the lower levels, and a great volume of smoke began to fill the shaft. The foreman procured his book and checked off the names of the men. All answered to their names except eleven. Edward Richards and three Mexicans jumped into the cage and their death-Richards and an unknown Mexican. The two other Mexicans had a narrow escape.

No trace of the eleven men were found.

## NEGRO MURDERER SLAIN.

Simon, Cooper Shot Down by a Sheriff's Posse After Making a Desperate Fight.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 8.—Simon Cooper, the negro desperado who had killed five people, was surrounded by a Sheriff's posse in Sumter County this morning and finally killed.

Cooper was asked for a cannon, as Cooper kept up a fusillade with his Winchester rifle on the posse. The Governor replied that he could not send a cannon.

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Representative McMillin Expressed His Belief That Soon the American Volcanoes Would Have to Be Protected.

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